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Enclosed are also:

- 38 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
 6 Pages of Claims (1 - 27 Claims)
 21 Sheet(s) of Drawings
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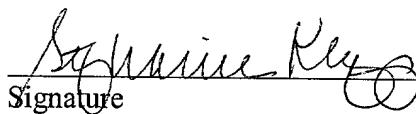


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3. 21 pgs. of drawings;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO 1449;
6. References AA - AB; and
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